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SUBJECT: CODEL GRAMM

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1. Post grants country clearance to Codel Gramm. Control officer will be Wendy Moore, econ officer, who can be reached at (31)(70)310-9273; fax 310-9273; e-mail moorewc(AT)state.gov.

2. Hotel reservations have been made for the delegation at the Amsterdam Hilton, Apollolaan 138, 1077 BG Amsterdam, tel.(31)(70)710-6000; fax (31)(70)710-9000, for the nights of July 4 and 5. Room rate is 360 DFL per night, (approx USD 155) including tax but excluding breakfast. As the visit coincides with a major conference in Amsterdam, no hotels were available within per diem rate (USD 109).

3. Proposed schedule for the Codel is as follows:

Tuesday, July 4, 2000

1600 Arrive Amsterdam Schiphol Airport via milair; proceed to hotel by bus. Control officer will distribute per diem on bus.

1645 Amsterdam city tour

1930 Private dinner

RON Amsterdam

Wednesday, July 5, 2000

0830 Depart Amsterdam for The Hague by bus

1000 Arrive at Ministry of Finance for meeting with Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm

1035 Depart for Embassy

1040 Arrive Embassy; country team brief

1110 Guided tour of Parliament (Parliament will be in recess)

1200 Depart by bus from Parliament for Ambassador's residence

1215 Lunch with Parliamentarians and senior officials, hosted by Ambassador Cynthia P. Schneider at Ambassador's Residence

1400 Leave by bus for tour conducted by Ambassador of Dutch Golden Age masterpieces at the Mauritshuis Museum

1500 Shopping and city tour in Delft.

1715 Depart for Amsterdam

1830 Arrive hotel; down time

RON Amsterdam

Thursday, 06 July 2000

0945 Meet Ambassador Schneider at hotel for tour of Rijksmuseum

1130 Return to hotel

1200 Lunch with U.S. and Dutch banking community

1330 Depart for Airport

1400 Depart for Brussels via milair

4. Threat Assessment for the Netherlands is as follows:

The treat to official Americans in the Netherlands is low. There are no specific threats or security restrictions in place at this time. However, all Americans should exercise caution while traveling abroad, as U.S. citizens are often the target of groups demonstrating opposition to U.S. foreign policy. For the latest worldwide terrorism advisories, please consult the State Department web page at www.state.gov. A major concern for visitors is crime. Most crimes against Americans are limited to pick-pocketing, burglary, vandalism to automobiles, and theft from hotel

rooms. Streets can be walked in relative safety, but the same amount of caution should be exercised after dark in the more populated cities of The Hague, Amsterdam, and Rotterdam, as would be appropriate in any urban city in the US City centers, red-light districts, and public transportation hubs are common locations for incidents of street crime.

15. Budget for travel and representational events will follow septel.

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